

Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building – Selectmen’s Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, April 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Fiore, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants #0481 in the amount of \$1,474,483.42 and #0482 in the amount of \$9,457,173.12. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
2. Approve Minutes of April 5, 2004. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
3. Announcements – Mr. Fiore announced that the 4th Annual Paula Rourke Memorial Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 25th from 8:00am-11:00am at Floral Street School. Proceeds to benefit the Shrewsbury Special Needs program. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. He also announced that there will be a free Workshop on Healthy Lawns & Landscapes sponsored by Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection, Shrewsbury Garden Club and Shrewsbury League of Women Voters on May 4th from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room. Contact the Health Dept. to sign up.
4. Town Manager’s Report - Nothing other than what is on the Agenda.

Meetings:

5. 7:00pm – Ray Stone Post. Mr. Fiore said that he had learned today the representatives of the Ray Stone Post would not be able to attend the meeting. The Board will send them a letter thanking them for their contribution to the maintenance of their building.

Public Hearings:

Old Business:

6. Review draft letter to Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey re School Building Assistance (SBA) program reforms. Mr. DePalo advised that the only change he had to the draft response to the Lt. Governor’s letter was in item 4, he did not feel that it was appropriate to link public construction reform and the school building assistance program (SBA). They should be considered separately as the SBA portion could be approved while the construction reform part was not, thereby bogging down both programs. After a discussion, Mr. Lebeaux asked if the Board could wait until the next meeting before signing to give him more time to review the material. The Board agreed to hold approval of response until the April 26th meeting.
7. Right of First Refusal, MGL Chap. 61A, Sec. 14–Conversion Notice-land on Cherry Street & St. James Road. Mr. Fiore reviewed the discussion at the April 5th meeting at which the Board had decided to wait until receiving responses from the Planning Board and Conservation Commission before deciding course of action. Responses have been received and both boards agree with the Board’s original plan to waive right of first refusal. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to waive right of first refusal under certain agricultural or horticultural tax liens recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 8355, Page 144, dated 11/8/83, Book 7315, Page 263, dated 8/25/81 and Book 11924, Page 48, dated 2/9/89 and not to sign the land trust proposal.

New Business:

8. Act on draft response on TMDL Study. Mr. Morgado advised the Board that a response to the DEP had been put together by the Engineering Dept. and Fay, Spofford & Thorndike and he was asking that the Board review and execute the letter to be sent to the state. He added that Paul Blazer had already sent a letter on behalf of the member communities, therefore, number four should be omitted. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to submit the letter to the state with changes as noted.

8A. Policy Statement – E-Mail. Mr. Fiore said that in light of the increasing amount of e-mails received in the Board's office he felt that a policy should be instituted outlining the procedures for responding and had put together a draft that had been distributed to the Board earlier. He asked for the Board's comments. After an exchange of ideas on what should be included in the criteria for e-mail responses it was decided that Mr. Fiore will put together a revised draft incorporating these suggestions and the Board will hold further discussion at their April 26th meeting.

Mr. Fiore announced that an informational meeting for abutters and interested parties on the new Fire Station will be held at the Senior Center on April 27th at 7:00pm.

Executive Session:

9. Collective bargaining and value of real property. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 7:42pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussion of collective bargaining and value of real property. The Board was polled, Mr. Hammond, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, Mr. Lebeaux, yes, Mr. Card, yes, and Mr. Fiore, yes.

Communications:

10. Noted copy mailed: Street Sweeping Report.
11. Noted copy mailed: Arc of Innovation update.
12. Noted copy mailed: Planning Board Meeting Minutes, 3/4/04 & 3/18/04.
13. Noted copy mailed: City & Town, Vol. 17, No. 4, April 2004.
14. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Jack Perreault re Raymond Avenue & Summer Street Traffic Analysis. This study and another done by the Police Dept. with response from Chief Sampson were done as a result of a petition by residents. A response outlining their conclusions had been sent out today.
15. Noted copy mailed: Letters from Mr. Morgado to Timothy Jarry & Robert Taupier re talent bank.
16. Noted copy mailed: Newspaper article from S.T.A.R.
17. Noted copy mailed: Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/6/04.
18. Noted copy mailed: MBTA Meeting Reminder

Mr. Morgado advised the Board in regard to Future items listed on the agenda, new letters had been received for the Beal sign and that item could be removed from the list. The Connector Road Naming will be addressed at the April 26th meeting. Mr. DePalo said that he would review the Class 1, 2 & 3 and Commercial Garage License Application Requirements and report to the Board on whether further action is needed.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 7:42pm not to reconvene for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and value of real property.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary